

BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting of November 14, 2012

Members in attendance: Emily Schmalzer, Doug Cowie, Jodi Kaufman, Heather Dudley-Tatman and Rob Wofchuck, chair

Alternates in attendance:

Meeting convened at 7:04PM.

- 1) The October 10, 2012, minutes were moved by Dudley-Tatman and seconded by Cowie. The minutes were approved.
- 2) Chris Albert and Joe Coronati from Jones and Beach, Engineers were present to present a Conceptual Site Plan for the proposed development of 421 Route 125. They are in early phases and have reached out to NH DES and now the conservation commission on their proposed plans. The proposed development is located along Route 125 and would require approximately 21,000 square feet of wetland impacts. There would also be temporary wetland impacts to site the well and septic system. The plan would leave the rear of the property untouched and they offered a deed restriction on approximately 4 acres. As required by NHDES and due to the wetland impacts they would be required to make a payment to the ARM fund for wetland mitigation or acceptable project identified in the town. The wetlands were described as wooded with poorly drained soils and that they served for storm water management, nutrient uptake and sediment retention but would be considered low value wetlands. They would like a letter of support for the Planning Board. The commission requested to complete a Site Walk and to have a Functional Value Assessment completed for the wetland before a decision could be made.
- 3) Wofchuck presented an Update on Exeter River Stormwater Project.
 - a. The storm water treatment wetland on the corner is not draining properly, Len and Sally to look into it;
 - b. The easements are moving forward as well as the eastern culvert installation; and
 - c. Outreach component will need to be completed.
- 4) Open Space Update.
 - a. Kaufman/Goun Easement is moving forward. The Selectmen approved excepting the easement as interest holder.
 - b. WRP grants are proceeding. The survey is done for 3 parcels and on parcel has a title history issue that needs to be addressed.
- 5) Wofchuck presented an update on the Southeast Watershed Alliance
 - a. The main issue has been the Peer Review Issue which arose following the coalition towns filing a lawsuit against the State of NH and US EPA.
 - b. The second is to create a model storm water ordinance for the towns to follow with consistency.
- 6) Wofchuck reminded the commission that the Open Space Chapter comments are due at or before the Planning Board Meeting.
- 7) As previously discussed and based on an old draft of a Policy on Easement Stewardship Fund, Wofchuck obtained and presented information that the fund would need to be established at Town meeting, Town Council would need to review it prior. The commission agreed that this would have to wait until 2014 Town Meeting.

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- 8) Wofchuck provided a reminder on Easement mentoring.
- 9) New Business ó Wofchuck has bill for \$50 for the Piscataqua River Estuaries Partnership to attend the State of the Estuaries Conference. Cowie moved that the bill be paid, Kaufman seconded and the motion carried.

At 8:40PM Cowie moved to adjourn, E. Schmalzer seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Dudley-Tatman